May 23, 1977 LB 220A, 177

CLERK: Mr. President, the first motion is to return LB 220A to Select File for specific amendment, the specific amendment being to strike all of 220A and insert, essentially, the contents of LB 177.

SENATOR MARVEL: What is your point?

SENATOR DeCAMP: You can't do this, can you? That is the point. That is unconstitutional, I think. "A" bills have a specific function.

SENATOR MARVEL: LB 220A would have to follow LB 220. What does the motion do?

CLERK: The motion is to return it to Select File to strike the entire bill and insert the contents of LB 177, or at least a computer print-out of an amendment to 177.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Dworak, your motion is out of order.

SENATOR DeCAMP: There may be some way, but I'm not aware of it. At least I want it explained or justified. Maybe he can suspend the rules. I don't know.

SENATOR MARVEL: Let me make the explanation. It is my understanding that an "A" bill has to contain the language that is germane to the parent bill. In this case 220A has to contain language that is tied to 220. Now Senator Dworak.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President, I discussed this with the Speaker and several other members of the Legislature. I would be the first to admit that there might be some question on it, but I think that question can only be answered by the courts, and the courts haven't answered the specific question. So I am taking all of the material out of 220A and inserting the amendments found in the Journal on page 760. I realize there is some risk in this. I don't think that anybody can conclusively say that this is or is not constitutional at this point. So I would like to suspend the rules in order to provide for this. Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, I move we suspend the rules and proceed under the suspension of the rules.

SENATOR MARVEL: Do you want to identify your rule. Which rule are you suspending?

SENATOR DWORAK: Vince, what rule do I need to suspend that questions the constitutionality?

CLERK: I wouldn't even venture an opinion on that one.

SENATOR DWORAK: Apparently we don't have a rule then that precludes this from happening if there is no rule to suspend.

CLERK: There is a series of rules that, I think, you run encounter to. One is the concept of the "A" bill. One is the germaneness. The "A" bill is the biggest one you have.

SENATOR DWORAK: Well if you can state those rules, Vince, I will suspend them all.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Dworak, unless there is objection why don't you come down here and talk to the Clerk about this and we'll go on to the next item. Unless there is objection. Senator barnett, for what purpose do you arise?